

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 4-13 and 15.

In response to the rejection of claim 16 under 35 USC 101, claim 16 has been amended so that the claim is statutory subject matter.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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